[8th August 1946

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 22 asked by Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th August 1946, page 172 supra.]

G.O. No. 1435, Education, dated 1st August 1940.

Representations have been made to Government that the abolition of Selection Committees for selecting candidates for admission into various Government Colleges ordered in G.O. No. 308, Education, dated 5th February 1938, has been followed by a noticeable increase in the admission of Brahman candidates and reduction in that of non-Brahman candidates, and that therefore it is necessary not only to reconstitute such selection committees, but also to fix a definite proportion of seats in the said colleges for each community, somewhat on the basis of the rules for communal representation in Government services. The Government have called for statistics of admission of the various communities into the Government Arts and Professional Colleges for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939 and on an examination of the figures, are satisfied that there is no foundation for the allegation that undue preference has been shown to the Brahman community. Even in case where the number of Brahman applicants selected in disproportionate to their population strength, it is found that the proportion of the number so selected to the number of applicants is mostly less than that for other communities.

2. Government think that colleges which provide training to fit students to enter a profession and earn their own living without special reference to Government service, should not be treated, for purposes of admission, in the same way as Government service, and that admission to such colleges should be in proportion to the extent to which the communities wish to take advantage of the facilities offered.

3. The Government are against fixing a rigid communal proportion for admission into Government Arts and Professional Colleges. They had however issued a Press Communiquè, dated 29th March 1938, which is as follows :—

"The Principals of Government Colleges are requested, while making selections for admission to all classes in their Colleges, to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation is given to non-Brahmans, to all minority communities, to Muhammadans, to scheduled classes and to women. The fact that candidates from backward communities do not possess equally high marks as candidates from forward communities should not stand in the way of deserving applicants from such communities being given due consideration. In the case, for example, of the scheduled classes and of Muslim women, very few of whom ever reach the collegiate standard, special consideration should be shown. In cases of doubt, the Principals of Colleges may, if they consider it necessary, refer the cases to the Director of Public Instruction for decision."

The Government wish again to draw the attention of all Principals of Government Colleges to this communiqué.

4. The Government do not consider that there is any ground for suspecting that the Principals of Colleges will not give effect to the Government's policy of fairness and justice to all communities or for fettering the discretion of the Principals of Colleges in the matter of admissions, by associating non-official committees with them. Such committees led to much canvassing in the past and were abolished on account of the dissatisfaction which they had caused. The Government are therefore against their revival.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Joint Seretary to Government.

G.O. Ms. No. 960, P.H., dated 14th March 1942.

The Government have re-examined the instructions issued with G.O. No. 143, Education, dated 1st August 1940 in regard to the admission of students into Government Colleges and direct that paragraph 2 of the Government order be cancelled.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is informed that the instructions in paragraph 3 of the Government order referred to above should be rigidly adhered to. The Surgeon-General is requested to take similar action with regard to Medical Colleges.

E. A. VENKITESWARA AYYAR,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

G.O. No. 997 Education, dated 22nd July 1943.

In order to secure adequate representation of linguistic area, the Government are pleased to lay down the following instructions to be observed in connexion with the admission of students belonging to this Province into the Engineering Class of the College of Engineering, Guindy :—

(1) The total number of seats available for admission of students every year (i.e.) the total number of seats in the Engineering class minus seats actually required for the admission of students coming from outside the Province including Indian States for whom seats have been reserved shall be allotted as indicated below :—

Group 1.—50·8 per cent of the seats will be allotted for candidates from the group of districts which is predominanly Tamil, viz., Madras, Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and the Nilgiris.

Group 2.—38·1 per cent of the seats will be allotted for candidates from the group of districts which is predomently Telugu, viz., Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Guntur, Nellore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chittoor and Bellary.

Group 3.—11·1 per cent of the seats will be allotted for candidates from the West Coast districts, viz., South Kanara and Malabar.

If sufficient numbers of eligible candidates belonging to any one of these three groups of districts are not forthcoming to fill the full quota of seats allotted to that group, the remaining seats will be made available to the other two groups in the ratio of the number of seats which they got under the original allotment. Should it happen that there are no eligible candidates of the required number in the groups, all the surplus seats will be made available to the third group.

(2) The percentages specified above need not be treated as hard and fast, but selections to each group should be made so as to secure these percentages as nearly as possible. The special need mentioned by the Director of Public Instruction to provide for such outstanding candidates as there may be from the west coast districts should be kept in view, in selecting candidates.

(3) Candidates (whether Tamil, Telugu, or other) will count against the district to which they belong according their certificates of nativity.

(4) The instructions already issued regarding the representation of communities and classes (paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 1433, Education, dated the 1st August 1940, and paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 960, P.H., dated 14th March 1942) should continue to be observed.

2. These orders will apply to the admissions to be made from 1944 onwards. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to submit a report in July every year for a period of three years beginning from 1944 showing how the arrangements has worked.

M. V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.